

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Walhalla Middle Oconee

Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 746

Principal: Charles Middleton Jr Superintendent: Dr. Mike Lucas Board Chair: Andy Inabinet

PERFORMANCE

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

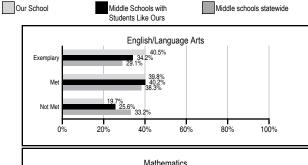
| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD | | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | | General Performance | Closing the Gap | | |
| 2009 | Good | Average | TBD | TBD | Met | N/A |
| 2008 | Average | Below Average | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |
| 2007 | Good | Below Average | N/A | N/A | Not Met | N/A |

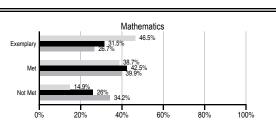
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

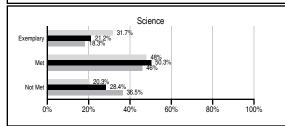
| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 1 | 10 | 36 | 1 | 0 |

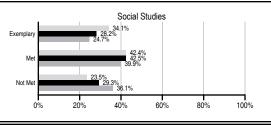
^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

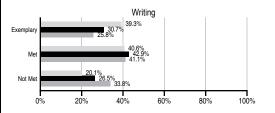
PASS PERFORMANCE











NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

| Percentages at | | | | | | |
|---|---------|----|----|--------|----|---|
| READING - GRADE 8 (2007) | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | | 31 | 44 | | 23 | 2 |
| Nation | | 27 | 43 | | 27 | 2 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced ■ Below Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced | | | | | | |
| MATH – GRADE | 8 (2007 | 7) | | | | |
| South Carolina | | 29 | 39 | 24 | | 7 |
| Nation | | 30 | 39 | 24 | | 7 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced ■ Below Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced | | | | | | |
| SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005) | | | | | | |
| South Carolina | | 46 | 31 | 21 | 2 | |
| Nation | | 43 | 30 | 24 | 3 | |
| % Below Basic | | | | dvance | | |

| END OF COURSE TESTS - 2009 | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|--|
| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | | | |
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 100.0 | 97.6 | | | |
| English 1 | N/A | 96.9 | | | |
| Physical Science | N/A | 91.9 | | | |
| US History and the Constitution | N/A | N/A | | | |
| All Subjects | 100.0 | 97.2 | | | |

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Walhalla Middle [Oconee] **SCHOOL PROFILE**

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Students (n=746) | | | | |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8) | 74.8% | Up from 62.0% | 22.7% | 21.6% |
| Retention rate | 0.1% | No Change | 1.1% | 1.2% |
| Attendance rate | 96.2% | Up from 95.7% | 95.9% | 95.9% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 23.0% | Down from 27.3% | 18.3% | 14.8% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 14.5% | Down from 17.3% | 12.2% | 12.6% |
| Older than usual for grade | 0.5% | Down from 0.7% | 2.0% | 2.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 1.2% | Down from 2.5% | 0.8% | 0.6% |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=54) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 64.8% | Down from 69.4% | 57.5% | 56.9% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 75.9% | Down from 79.6% | 76.8% | 72.7% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 6.1% | Up from 2.4% | 4.3% | 5.3% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 87.3% | Down from 88.1% | 85.4% | 82.9% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 96.6% | Down from 96.7% | 95.1% | 95.2% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$48,696 | Up 1.8% | \$47,154 | \$46,599 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | No Change | 0.6% | 2.4% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 14.2 days | Down from 15.9 days | 10.7 days | 10.8 days |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 3.0 | Up from 2.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 20.1 to 1 | Down from 21.2 to 1 | 21.8 to 1 | 20.1 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 92.1% | Up from 91.3% | 89.7% | 89.9% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | No Change | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 99.8% | Down from 100.0% | 98.8% | 97.8% |
| Character development program | Excellent | No Change | Good | Good |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$6,991 | Up 2.1% | \$7,082 | \$7,645 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 65.0% | Down from 66.6% | 63.6% | 63.4% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 61.2% | Down from 62.1% | 57.5% | 57.0% |
| % of AYP objectives met * Length of contract = 185+ days | 100.0% | Up from 80.0% | 91.7% | 90.5% |

^{*} Length of contract = 185+ days.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 56 | 235 | 159 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 100.0% | 85.0% | 98.1% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 100.0% | 87.7% | 91.7% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 100.0% | 89.3% | 92.4% |

^{*}Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites.

Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

2008-2009 was another productive year for Walhalla Middle School. Of our 746 students, 51% utilized opportunities in Keyboarding, Algebra I, and Geometry to earn high school credit. One hundred percent of our Algebra I students passed the end of course examination and 41 of the 121 students who took the exam earned a perfect score. Sixty-five of those 121 received A's and 41 received B's, an 88% A/B success rate.

The RISE program continued to offer students an opportunity to make up, complete, or improve assignments and avoid zeros while gaining mastery of the material for their courses. This was a continued implementation of our Making Middle Grades Work initiative along with the continued success of our Positive Behavior Program charting another decrease in discipline referrals. MAP testing was again an effective teacher tool to monitor success and progress and identify weaknesses or gaps in mastery of the basic skills.

The care and generosity of our staff, students, and community saw donations in access of \$12,000 to various charities and supported our students and staff in need.

The Fine Arts and Athletic success shined again with many awards on the local, state, and regional level, performing at various functions before local and collegiate audiences. Our girls basketball team completed their second consecutive undefeated season along with improved records in boys basketball and football. This success was more evident with the success of those student-athletes on the A/B honor roll.

We have extremely high expectations for all our students and the parental and community involvement was evidenced with over 3,400 volunteer hours logged by parents and community persons. We appreciate the support and together we can assist our students as they prepare for their future and the next level of their education.

Charles Middleton Jr., Principal Toni Bowers, PTO/SIC Chair

^{**} Prior year audited financial data available